

October 28, 1964

Dr. Donovan J. Thompson  
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Dear Dr. Thompson:

Thank you for receiving me last Thursday.

I am enclosing a paper prepared by Dr. Theodor Sterling for presentation to the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce. The paper is rather long for oral delivery and may be somewhat too detailed for easy understanding by a Congressional Committee. I am hoping that you would be able to prepare a simple statement on the difficulties of evaluating data showing an association between factors and diseases and explaining how such data can be misinterpreted. I think that reference to your experience in the Donora study and, if possible, to some of the episodes which you mentioned are being collected by Mindel Sheps might be helpful in making these points.

I am also enclosing a copy of the testimony presented by the witnesses who appeared before the Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at our request in the hearing held last June.

With best regards,

Yours very truly,

Alexander Holtzman

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